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## **Cuts to student aid are wrong**

To the Editor:

Last week, students and administrators from Macalester College joined me in opposing the massive cuts to federal student loans proposed by the Republican majority in Congress.

The U.S. House is expected to vote on a Republican budget package that would cut student aid by \$14.3 billion in order to pay for \$70 billion in tax give-aways for the wealthiest Americans. As a result, a typical student borrower will pay \$5,800 more for their college loans. This shortsighted and misguided budget proposal is opposed by Democrats.

A big part of my job in Congress is to fight for students and not eliminate the resources that make college affordable and accessible for Minnesota students and families.

Rep. Betty McCollum

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